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**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite yarn, comprising:

- (a) ~~a core having at least one metallic wire, and~~
- (b) ~~a cover yarn including fluid-soluble strand, and selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid~~
- (c) an elastomeric strand.

Claims 2-3 (previously canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 1, wherein said composite yarn comprises a core, and a cover wrapped around said core consists of a single strand of metallic wire.

Claim 5 (previously canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein said core comprises ~~a multifilament stainless steel~~ said metallic wire.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein said core comprises ~~a 0.002 inch stainless steel~~ said metallic wire and said elastomeric strand,  
and said cover comprises said fluid soluble strand.

Claim 8 (previously canceled).

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Claim 9 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product intended for subsequent processing into a metallic fabric suitable for fabrication, comprising a composite yarn comprising:

- (a) ~~a fabric comprised of a core having at least one~~ metallic wire for providing cut resistance; and
- (b) ~~a cover yarn including a fluid-soluble strand selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid, wherein said cover yarn can be dissolved~~ fluid-soluble strand for dissolving after formation of the intermediate fabric product; and
- (c) an elastomeric strand for retaining a predetermined shape of the intermediate fabric product after said fluid-soluble strand is dissolved.

Claim 10 (previously canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said ~~core~~ metallic wire comprises a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said ~~core consists of a single strand of metallic wire~~ composite yarn comprises a core and a cover wrapped around said core.

Claim 13 (previously canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 12, wherein said cover yarn comprises ~~at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite~~

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~~twist directions around said core yarn~~ said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 12, wherein said core comprises ~~a multi-filament steel~~ said metallic wire.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 12, wherein said ~~wire comprises a 0.002 inch stainless steel wire~~ core comprises said elastomeric yarn.

Claim 17 (original): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said intermediate fabric product comprises a knitted fabric.

Claims 18-34 (previously withdrawn).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein said cover yarn comprises at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[35]]~~ 6 wherein said cover yarn ~~has a denier of 750~~ cover comprises said fluid-soluble strand and said elastomeric strand.

Claim 37 (canceled).

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Claim 38 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[14]]~~ 12, wherein said ~~cover yarn has a denier of 750~~ core comprises said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 39 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 12, wherein said core comprises said metallic wire and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 40 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 12, wherein said core comprises said fluid-soluble strand and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said metallic wire.

Claim 41 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said fluid-soluble strand is selected from the group consisting of co-nylon, polylactic acid and polyvinyl alcohol.

Claim 42 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises Spandex.

Claim 43 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises rubber.